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ADMONITION

By the Synod of *Glaſgow* and *Air*,

To all the Congregations under their Inſpection.

Dearly Beloved,

WE being met together in *Synod*, at a Time when a moſt horrid Rebellion, againſt the Perſon and Government of Our moſt Gracious and Rightful Soveraign King *GEORGE*, is actually commenced and carried on, reckon it our indiſpenſible Duty, as Watchmen, to give ſeaſonable and faithful Warning of the utter Ruin our holy Religion, and valuable Liberties are threatned with.

The very Character of our Enemies, which cannot be unknown unto you, gives all Ground to look for the greateſt Miſchiefs that can happen to a *Proteſtant* and free People, they being Men of Arbitrary Principles, aſcribing ſuch a Prerogative, even to their *Popiſh* Idol, as renders all that is, or can be dear to Men and Chriſtians, Precarious: Many even of their chief Leaders are bigotted *Papiſts*, to whom it is a Principle to extirpate the *Proteſtant* Faith, which they call the *Northern* Hereſie: Others of them are guilty of notour Treachery and Perjury. To ſay nothing of their ſeemingly zealous concurring in His Majeſty's being proclaimed King, they have frequently in the moſt ſolemn Manner, abjured the *Pretender*, whom they now appear for, and have ſworn Allegiance to His preſent Majeſty, and likewiſe bound themſelves by repeated Oaths to maintain the *Proteſtant* Succeſſion in His Family. They were alſo moſt active in all the late Meaſures for ruining the Reformation, endangering the Liberties of *Europe*, weakning the *Proteſtant* Succeſſion, and laying us in this Church, as well as all the firm Friends of the ſaid Succeſſion, under the greateſt Hardſhips; Yea, it is undoubtedly evident they are open and declared Enemies to our Conſtitution, as inconſiſtent with their tyrannical Schemes, and are ready to react all the Villanies and Barbarities of the late Times of horrid Perſecution, in which ſome of them had a bloody Share.

As for the Deſign it ſelf, it is ſo wicked and black, as nothing can diſguiſe it to an honeſt *Proteſtant*; to dethrone our Gracious Rightful Soveraign, whoſe Government is limited by Law, who has never injured even the moſt ungrateful of His Subjects, if it be not by His declared Zeal for Religion and Liberty; And whoſe Anceſtors have been eminently diſtinguiſhed by their Sufferings for the *Proteſtant* Cauſe: And at the ſame Time to ſet over us the *Popiſh Pretender*, educate and confirmed in all the Principles of *Popiſh* Bigotry, Perſecution and Tyranny, pretending to rule by hereditary and indefeaſible Right, Projects which can only be the

the Effect of a helliſh Plot, to impoſe again upon theſe Nations the Yoke of Slavery, and to reintroduce the Idolatry, Tyranny, and other Abominations inſeparable from the Church of *Rome*.

Can any Thing below Infatuation it ſelf expect any Security, or rather any Thing leſs than utter Deſtruction to all our precious Intereſts, whatever Promiſes or Declarations are, or may be made to the contrary, from one, who from his Youth hath been taught to abhor, and endeavour to root out what is, and ſhould be deareſt to us; and who, according to *Romiſh* Principles, muſt do ſo as he would not be damned.

We hope the Rebels Pretence of making us eaſie as to the Grievance of the *Union*, can never take with thinking People, who conſider, That ſome of the chief Leaders were principal Contrivers and Promoters of it: And when Eſſays were made to have Redreſs in a Parliamentary Way, ſo as the *Proteſtant* Succeſſion might be ſecured, they themſelves defeat the Deſign. And it's notour from their Conduct, That the great Thing in the *Union* grievous to them, is the Eſtabliſhment of the *Proteſtant* Succeſſion in His Majeſty's Family, upon which the Security of all our valuable Rights depends.

Wherefore we find our ſelves obliged from Conſcience of our Duty to GOD and you, to beſeech and obteſt, yea, to charge you in the Name of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, to ſearch and try your Ways, and humble your ſelves greatly, for the many aggravated Sins of theſe Nations, which have brought all this Evil upon us, to apply to the Blood of CHRIST for Peace with our offended GOD, and to turn again to the LORD, from whom we have deeply revolted: And lift up our Hearts with our Hands to GOD in the Heavens, that he may judge betwixt us and our Enemies, plead the Cauſe which is His own, and not give up His Heritage to Reproach.

And furder, we declare it to be your Duty before GOD, to which you ly under the ſtrongeſt Ties, to put your ſelves in Condition to make a Stand for all theſe great Intereſts now at Stake, and to give all neceſſary Aid and Aſſiſtance to His Majeſty, and theſe imployed by him, and to exert your ſelves with the utmoſt Zeal, Vigour and Faithfulneſs that the moſt important Concern and glorious Cauſe can demand.

All which we earneſtly require, as you would eſcape the Curſe of *Meroz*, which ſtands branded with Infamy, for not coming out to help the LORD againſt the Mighty; as you would ſhew a juſt Regard for our Reformation Rights, the Doctrine, Worſhip, Diſcipline and Government of this Church, which our Fathers at the Expence of ſo much Wreſtling and Blood, have tranſmitted to us, and teſtifie Compaſſion and Faithfulneſs to Poſterity, and as you would not ſuffer theſe Nations to become a Tool to Antichriſt, to enſlave all the Churches of CHRIST.

It is equally obſervable and encouraging, That the ſame GOD who ſignally appeared for theſe valuable Intereſts in the Days of our Fathers, hath of late ſo ſeaſonably interpoſed by a Train of Wonders on the Behalf of this Cauſe, and in a continued diſconcerting the Meaſures of our Enemies, as may force an Acknowledgment that His Hand is againſt them, and plainly ſhews that GOD is for us: So that we cannot doubt that in this Juncture you'll *be of good Courage, play the Men for our People, and for the Cities of our GOD, and the LORD do what ſeemeth him good.*

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